(viii) Extradition may be refused if the offence committed is punishable by death penalty in the requesting State and the same is not punishable by death in the requested State unless the requesting State gives an assurance that death penalty will not be awarded or, if awarded, will not be carried out.

Discussions held in the Conference of CMs

1434. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had called the Conference of Chief Ministers on February 8, 2003 to discuss the internal security;

(b) if so, how many Chief Ministers attended the Conference;

(c) what were the main subjects discussed;

(d) what were the decisions arrived at; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to implement the suggestions made in the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Home Ministry had called annual Conference of CM's on 8th Feb. 2003, to discuss various issues including the situation on Internal Security, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

(b) The Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security held on February 8, 2003 was attended by Chief Ministers of 16 States.

(c) The main issues discussed were recommendations of Group of Ministers for Interal Security Management, Left Wing Extremism, Coastal Area Security, Multipurpose National Identity Cards Scheme, Detection and deportation of foreign nationals, Modernisation of State Police Forces and Ban on Lottery Trade.

(d) The broad decisions arrived at are mentioned in the Statement enclosed (*See* below)

(e) All concerned are being requested to take follow up action on the decisions/recommendations of the Conference.

Statement

Regarding Discussions Held in the Conference of CMs.

There was consensus to strengthen and streamline special branches of States Police Forces and make full use of intelligence apparatus (Multi Agency Centre) and Joint Task Force of intelligence, set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs. There was agreement among the State Governments to launch a special drive to unearth unlicensed/illegal arms and unlicensed arms manufacturing units.

2. On the issue of Left Extremism, it was agreed to remove all the shortcomings in intelligence sharing and mounting well coordinated anti-naxalite operations by Joint task Forces of the concerned States under a designated coordinator. Simultaneously, a greater emphasis needs to be given to accelerate development of the physical and social infrastructure in the affected districts.

3. It was agreed to strengthen the existing police stations/outposts alongwith the coast, both in terms of manpower and equipment and also to set up marine police wings. The Central Government will provide funds to the extent feasible, based on the perspective plans to be submitted by the State in addition to funds being used by States under police modernisation scheme.

4. All the States welcomed the initiative of the Central Government for introduction of Multi-Purpose National Identity Card Scheme and agreed to put in place all the necessary infrastructure and mechanism in their States for speedy implementation of the scheme.

5. It was agreed that a special drive be launched to detect illegal foreign nationals and deport them.

6. The States unanimously requested that the modalities of financing the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces may be modified to provide for 75% of the funds being given by the Central Government instead of 50% as at present.

7. There was no consensus amongst the States on the Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999 to impose a ban on lotteries and on the proposal of setting up of a Central Law Enforcement Agency to investigate the grave offences having national and inter-State ramifications.